

Citizens Of Elba Must Aid Officials In Raising Funds If Levee Work Is Completed

Do the citizens of Elba want the levee completed? That is the question which was being discussed at a mass meeting in the courthouse Wednesday afternoon while this issue of The Clipper was being printed. This meeting was called by City Officials, and every man, woman and child in Elba was urged to attend so that the true status of this great project might be thoroughly understood.

According to a statement by Mayor L. P. Mullins, the point has been reached where the work faces abandonment unless citizens of the town rally to the cause by furnishing some financial assistance to the project.

The situation, briefly, is that the City needs \$3,000.00 with which to build a large culvert at Beaver Dam Creek, near the spot where the levee ends at present. Unless this culvert is built by the City or with funds raised by citizens, the work may never be resumed and the people of the town will have the protection to be provided by this great protective wall.

Mayor Mullins stated that he has assurance from higher officials that when this culverting is completed, Elba raise the necessary funds for this culvert, that work will proceed on the extension of the levee from that point on down the river and then across the Western part of town, as was originally planned. The City of Elba does not have this amount of money and its financial condition is such that it is impossible for the municipality to raise the funds. Therefore, officials are placing the matter squarely before citizens of the town and asking their wholehearted cooperation in the matter.

The plan adopted and which will be put before citizens calls for the issue of Certificates of Indebtedness by the City Officials. These certificates will be offered for sale to every man and woman interested in the welfare of the people of Elba, who want to see the levee completed. These certificates will be an obligation against the general revenues of the City and not repaid until October 1, 1940, and bear interest at the rate of 6 per cent payable annually. City Officials feel that this plan is better than making citizens for an out-right donation of the funds.

While this article was written before the mass meeting was held, plans no doubt will be made for committees to canvass for sale of the Certificates of Indebtedness. That is the important matter right now, and the funds must be raised AT ONCE in order to get the work under way.

Every man and woman in Elba should rally to the support of the City in this movement. The welfare and safety of our entire citizenship and the future of our City depends on this project.

Do YOU want to see the levee completed? Your answer to that question will be measured by the interest you take in helping to

raise the amount of money needed to build the culvert at Beaver Dam Creek. The levee work has been stalled for some time and it is now up to the citizens of Elba to decide whether or not they want the levee completed. If they do, they must act quickly and raise the necessary funds.

Miss Nealie Vaughan died last Saturday in Atlanta. She was born and raised in Elba. She was a devoted wife and mother and a friend to all who knew her. Her death was a great loss to the community.

Miss Nealie Vaughan, seventeen years of age, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Angus Vaughan, passed away at a hospital in Atlanta, Ga., Sunday night. News of her death brought deep sorrow to relatives and a host of friends in Elba.

Miss Vaughan had been suffering from a brain tumor for several months and for some time it was known that her condition was serious. Friday she was carried to the Atlanta hospital, where a specialist was to have operated on her. However, she grew worse on Sunday and passed away about eight o'clock that evening.

She was born and raised in the county and had spent all her life in and near Elba. Besides her parents she leaves one sister, Gwendolyn, and three brothers, James, Charles and Tom Vaughan. Funeral services were held at the Dave Vaughan residence here Tuesday morning at ten o'clock, with Rev. W. J. Hughes and Minister J. C. Dixon officiating. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were: Roy Devane, Walter Whitman, Jr., Malcolm Prescott, Felix Morrow, Milford Collier and Harold Deal. Elba Funeral Home has charge of arrangements.

PEOPLES DRUG STORE HAVING ONE-CENT SALE. Peoples Drug Store, regular Pentair products dealer, is having its annual one-cent sale. The sale started yesterday and will continue through Saturday. The store is offering a variety of household necessities, toilet articles, etc. During this sale you may buy any article in the line at half regular price and for 10 more you can get another. Turn over to the store the amount of your purchase and they will give you a new article.

STUDY CLUB WILL MEET TODAY. The Elba Study Club will hold its second meeting of the year Thursday afternoon, October 1, at the home of Mrs. M. M. Garrett, when Mrs. L. L. Farris will serve as joint hostess. The meeting will be held at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Roy Devane, Mrs. Erlene Morrow, Miss Gladys Clark and Mrs. A. J. Morrow went to Jacksonville, Fla., for a week-end visit. The party was very enjoyable and the future of our City depends on this project.

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EDUCATIONAL AND FARM RALLY AT NEW BROCKTON OCTOBER 8 TO DRAW PROMINENT SPEAKERS

An educational and farm rally will be held at New Brockton on Thursday, October 8th, according to announcement of school and farm officials who are sponsoring the meeting. The meeting will be a county-wide affair, with community leaders attending from every section of the county.

The purpose of the rally is to place before the people of the county the true status of the school and farm situation as it exists at the present, and to discuss methods by which the situation might be remedied. At most of the schools in the county, school are facing another short term for the present school year unless some provision is made for increased revenue. The farm situation will also be discussed.

Dr. L. N. Duncan, president of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute and director of the Agricultural Forces in the State, Dr. J. A. Keller, State Superintendent of Education, and Judge J. A. Carney are listed as the principal speakers for the rally.

School buses for the county will make a trip from the end of their runs to New Brockton on this occasion, according to announcement. Every man and woman in the county who is interested in the work done by the County Board and also those who are interested in a full term for the schools of the county are urged to attend this meeting.

Mr. Patterson was not injured but Mrs. C. H. Dodier, who was riding with him, suffered cuts on one of her hands.

On account of the hundreds of visitors expected to attend the Auburn-Birmingham-Southern football game Friday night, Chief Walter K. McAtary, of the Highway Patrol, had summoned all patrol officers stationed at nearby points to go to Montgomery and aid in the handling of the increased traffic so as to reduce the accident hazard to a minimum. Officer English was one of those to respond, as was Officer Frank Dunham, stationed at Dothan, who joined English in Troy for the trip to Montgomery together.

According to Patrolman Dunham, they were proceeding west on Fairview Avenue, when Mr. Patterson, approaching them, turned left into the street and struck a car. The car was traveling east, suddenly made a left turn into Fairview without signaling his intention to do so, and the motorcycle ridden by English and the automobile crashed. Dunham stated that he and his fellow officers as well as Patterson were proceeding at a moderate rate of speed.

Only a few weeks ago the late Patrol Officer Maury Young, who had worked with Officer English at Troy, was fatally hurt near Pine Level, when his motorcycle crashed into the unlighted rear end of a wagon after nightfall.

MINISTERS AT T. A. HELD FIRST MEETING OF YEAR MONDAY. The Kingston P. T. A. began its eighth year Monday night, when thirty-two interested parents met to organize in order to secure greater cooperation for the welfare of the school children.

The following officers were elected for the year: President—Mrs. George Clark, Vice-President—Mrs. R. E. Williams, Secretary—Mrs. Dewey Hattaway.

Treasurer—Mr. W. L. Stephens. Prof. H. R. Larkins, principal of Kingston High School, discussed the P. T. A. objectives for the coming months and justified the investment and installation.

Following the business meeting the parents and teachers enjoyed a social hour of games and refreshments.

George W. Boyer passes after a short illness. George W. Boyer, well known farmer who lived a short distance from town, died at his home Monday evening following a very short illness. He had been ill only two days and malaria fever was attributed as the cause of his death.

Mr. Boyer was sixty-six years of age and was born in Montgomery County. He had made his home in Coffee County for a long period of years and was well known here. He worked in Elba and Enterprise as a barber for many years but lately had been engaged in farming. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Mollie Nolin and Mrs. Margaret Greenwood, three sons, Mitchell, Claud and Duke Boyer, all of Elba. He also leaves two brothers.

Funeral services, conducted by Rev. W. J. Hughes, were held at the home Wednesday afternoon. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery. Active pallbearers were: Clarence Moore, Avery Jackson, Murphy Cox, Oscar McCollough, Watson Smith and Ole Dyess. Bonneau-Jeter had charge of funeral arrangements.

Saturday afternoon, September 26th, the home of Mrs. Walter Whitman, Jr., on Davis Street, was the scene of a lovely bridge party when she honored her bridge club and several other friends.

The tables were arranged in the living room which was attractively decorated with a variety of late summer flowers. Bridge was enjoyed until late in the afternoon, when Mrs. Whitman served a delicious ice course to the club members and Mrs. D. N. Bottoms, Miss Elizabeth Bullock, Miss Margaret Campbell, Mrs. H. Jeter, Mrs. Jim Whitman, Mrs. Joe Frank Prescott, Mrs. A. C. Dunaway, Mrs. Thomas Ward and two test guests, Mrs. Charles Banks and Mrs. Walter Whitman, Sr.

Mrs. J. P. Hanks and Mr. and Mrs. Louie Hanks of Montgomery were guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. Dowling Monday.

Miss Nell Brock visited in Union Springs the past week, guest of Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Franklin.

Grand Jury Returns Nineteen Indictments; Asks For Repairs On County Buildings

The grand jury, in session at Elba last week, recessed Wednesday afternoon and returned nineteen indictments, seven of these being for felonies and twelve for misdemeanors. The body made a number of recommendations about needed repairs to county buildings, which are set forth in the report published below.

Following is a list of the grand jurors: Luther Vaughan, W. D. Crook, Louis M. Presswood, Edwin Lasseter, Ed S. Bryan, Calvin H. Hooley, W. Y. Nolin, Fred H. Dismuke, J. Ed Tillman, Hendrix Jeter, Foreman; John Wiley Boggs, J. Grafton Young, A. L. Johnson, Edgar A. Blalock, Seavey Pulley, B. F. Baker, Ray McCarty, R. F. Beckham, Ed Lambert, acting as Bailiff.

Following is the grand jury report: To the Honorable W. L. Parks, Judge of the 12th Judicial Circuit: The Grand Jury of Coffee County, for this Division, beg to submit this as our final report.

We have investigated 45 pre-trials, and herewith transmit to you Honor 19 indictments, there being 7 felonies and 12 misdemeanors.

Committees who investigated the property, books and records of the County make the following recommendations: The water closets, passed out by the County, are in a state of immediate repair. The County Jail, in the County House, the floors in the offices of the Tax Assessor, Circuit Clerk and in the hallway at the foot of the steps leading to the Grand Jury Room are rotten, broken through and dangerous, and we recommend immediate repairs. All three of the toilets in the court house are in a terrible condition; water leaks constantly, one of these has been out of commission and railed up for perhaps six months, seat covers are missing, and an unwholesome and offensive odor continues day and night from these places that is highly unpleasant, unhealthful, and even dangerous.

We cannot too strongly urge an immediate overhauling of the plumbing and sewerage, both in the jail and courthouse by an experienced and capable plumber at the earliest moment.

We also recommend the purchase and installation of four Yale automatic door closers for the outside doors of the courthouse, to be installed this fall. This will save much expense for fuel in heating the building during the winter months and justifies the investment and installation.

We recommend re-roofing the main body of the almshouse building, which is leaking badly, and the porch floors should be refloored. There is one room in this building that is without lights, which should be turned on to the same date in 1936.

State auditors have just completed their investigation of the county county officers, and we have no comment to make. The bond of the officials are adequate and the county is amply secured.

There are a number of bridges in this Division that were more or less damaged by the recent storm; some are dangerous to now going on. The U. S. ship was there to bring away any refugees who might want to leave the war-torn country.

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Cotton ginnings in Coffee County as of September 16, were 3,900 bales short of the number ginned to the same date last year, according to the report of Jesse L. Hiltch, special agent of the census bureau, made public on Monday. The report shows that there were 12,068 bales ginned in the county this year prior to September 16, as compared with 15,968 ginned to the same date in 1935.

Tom Kendrick, of the U. S. Navy, is spending a few days in Elba with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kendrick. Tom has recently had some very interesting experiences while his ship, the Oklahoma, was stationed in Spanish waters, where the civil war is now going on. The U. S. ship was there to bring away any refugees who might want to leave the war-torn country.

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